(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks are not filing recovery suits against the defaulting creditors; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASHAEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in import duty on crude palmolein oil

2649. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the import duty on crude palmolein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the import of crude palmolein has increased in last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With effect from 1st March, 2001, the import duty on crude palmolein, of edible grade imported in loose or bulk form, has been increased from 55% to 75%. However, crude palmolein imported by sick units for the manufacture of vanaspati attracts duty of 55%.

(c) to (e) A separate six-digit tariff heading for crude palmolein does not exist in the Customs Tariff. Accordingly, revenue figures exclusively for import of the commodity are not available for the last five years.

Impact of privatisation on economy

2650. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatisation impact on the ongoing process of Government's role from the controller to a contributor under the changed economic world had made any impact on economy;